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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

J	1. A system comprising.
2	a virtual device interface, wherein said virtual device interface is configured to
3	allow a primary storage unit to be accessed as a secondary storage unit.
l	2. The system of claim 1, wherein
2	said virtual device interface is further configured to allow a utility to access
3	said primary storage unit as said secondary storage unit.
1	3. The system of claim 1, wherein
2	said virtual device interface is a virtual tape interface
1	4. The system of claim 3, further comprising
2	said primary storage unit, wherein
3	said virtual tape interface is coupled to control said primary storage
4	unit.
1	5. The system of claim 4, wherein
2	said virtual tape interface is configured to create a virtual loader on said
3	primary storage unit.
1	6. The system of claim 4, further comprising:
2	a secondary storage unit, wherein said virtual tape interface is coupled to
3	control said secondary storage unit.
1	7. The system of claim 4, wherein said virtual tape interface comprises:
2	a virtual loader library, communicatively coupled to said primary storage unit;
3	and
4	a virtual loader utilities module, communicatively coupled to said virtual
5	loader library.
1	8. The system of claim 7, wherein said virtual tape interface further
2	comprises:
3	a main module, communicatively coupled to said virtual loader library; and

4	a conf	iguration file, accessible by said main module, wherein said
5		configuration file comprises information that allows said virtual loader
6		library to create a virtual loader on said primary storage unit.
1	9.	The system of claim 7, wherein
2	said v	irtual loader library is configured to allow a utility to access said primary
3		storage unit as said secondary storage unit.
l	10.	A method comprising:
2	conve	rting a first command to a second command, wherein
3		said first command is configured to control a first type of storage unit,
4		said second command is configured to control a second type of storage
5		unit,
6		said first type of storage unit is a secondary storage unit, and
7		said second type of storage unit is a primary storage unit.
1	11.	The method of claim 10, wherein
2	said s	econdary storage unit is a tape backup unit, and
3	said p	rimary storage unit is a hard drive.
1	12.	The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2	creati	ng a virtual loader, wherein
3		said converting and said creating are performed by a virtual tape
4		interface.
1	13.	The method of claim 12, wherein
2	said c	reating creates a directory on said hard drive.
1	14.	The method of claim 13, further comprising:
2	storin	g information on a virtual tape in said virtual loader, wherein
3		said storing stores information in a file in said directory, and
4		said file corresponds to said virtual tape.

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1	15. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2	accessing a secondary storage unit communicatively coupled to said virtual
3	tape interface, using said virtual tape interface.
1	16. A computer system comprising:
2	a processor;
3	computer readable medium coupled to said processor; and
4	computer code, encoded in said computer readable medium, configured to
5	cause said processor to:
6	convert a first command to a second command, wherein
7	said first command is configured to control a first type of
8	storage unit,
9	said second command is configured to control a second type of
10	storage unit,
I 1	said first type of storage unit is a secondary storage unit, and
12	said second type of storage unit is a primary storage unit.
1	17. The computer system of claim 16, wherein
2	said secondary storage unit is a tape backup unit, and
3	said primary storage unit is a hard drive.
1	18. The computer system of claim 17, further comprising:
2	a virtual tape interface, wherein
3	said computer code is further configured to cause said processor to
4	create a virtual loader, and
5	said virtual tape interface comprises said computer code configured to
6	cause said processor to convert and said computer code
7	configured to cause said processor to create.
1	19. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said computer code
2	configured to cause said processor to create is further configured to cause said
3	processor to:
4	create a directory on said hard drive.

1	20. The computer system of claim 19, wherein said computer code is	
2	further configured to cause said processor to:	
3	store information on a virtual tape in said virtual loader, wherein	
4	said computer code configured to cause said processor to store said	
5	information is further configured to cause said processor to	
6	store said information in a file in said directory, and	
7	said file corresponds to said virtual tape.	
1	21. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said computer code is	
2	further configured to cause said processor to:	
3	access a secondary storage unit communicatively coupled to said virtual tap	e
4	interface, using said virtual tape interface.	
1	22. A computer program product comprising:	
2	a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to	
3	convert a first command to a second command, wherein	
4	said first command is configured to control a first type of storage un	it,
5	said second command is configured to control a second type of stora	ıge
6	unit,	
7	said first type of storage unit is a secondary storage unit, and	
8	said second type of storage unit is a primary storage unit; and	
9	computer readable media, wherein said computer program product is encode	ed
10	in said computer readable media.	
1	23. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein	
2	said secondary storage unit is a tape backup unit, and	
3	said primary storage unit is a hard drive.	
1	24. The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising:	
2	a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured	đ
3	to create a virtual loader, wherein	
4	a virtual tape interface comprises said first and said second set of	
5	instructions.	

1	25. The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said second set of
2	instructions comprises:
3	a first subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured
4	to create a directory on said hard drive.
1	26. The computer program product of claim 25, further comprising:
2	a third set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to
3	store information on a virtual tape in said virtual loader, wherein
4	said third set of instructions comprises a first subset of instructions,
5	executable on said computer system, configured to cause said
6	processor to store said information in a file in said directory,
7	and ·
8	said file corresponds to said virtual tape.
1	27. The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising:
2	a third set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to
3	access a secondary storage unit communicatively coupled to said
4	virtual tape interface, using said virtual tape interface.
l	28. An apparatus comprising:
2	means for converting a first command to a second command, wherein
3	said first command is configured to control a first type of storage unit,
4	said second command is configured to control a second type of storage
5	unit,
6	said first type of storage unit is a secondary storage unit, and
7	said second type of storage unit is a primary storage unit.
1	29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein
2	said secondary storage unit is a tape backup unit, and
3	said primary storage unit is a hard drive.
1	30. The apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:
2	means for creating a virtual loader, wherein

3	a virtual tape interface comprises said means for converting and said
4	means for creating.
1	The apparatus of claim 30, wherein said means for creating comprises:
2	means for creating a directory on said hard drive.
1	32. The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising:
2	means for storing information on a virtual tape in said virtual loader, wherein
3	said means for storing stores information in a file in said directory, and
4	said file corresponds to said virtual tape.
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1	33. The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:
2	means for accessing a secondary storage unit communicatively coupled to said
3	virtual tape interface, using said virtual tape interface.